

God, to make good use of the time allotted to us so that our efforts will allow us to be the people You would have us be. Remind us specially at this Thanksgiving season of the privilege it is to be good stewards of all the riches that have come to our Nation. Above all else may we be found faithful in our commitment to the good traditions of the land so that justice will flow down as waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Alabama [Mr. BROWDER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROWDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed concurrent resolutions of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 32. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate on Monday, November 20, 1995, until Monday, November 27, 1995, and a conditional adjournment of the House on the legislative day of Monday, November 20, 1995, or Tuesday, November 21, 1995, until, Tuesday, November 28, 1995; and

S. Con. Res. 33. Concurrent resolution expressing the thanks and good wishes of the American people to the Honorable George M. White on the occasion of his retirement as the Architect of the Capitol.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled joint resolution on the legislative day of Saturday, November 18, 1995:

House Joint Resolution 123, making further continued appropriations for fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

#### SUPPORT THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM PARTNERSHIP ACT

(Mr. ROTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, in the last few weeks, we have been trying to come up with a budget plan to ensure a successful future for America.

Every one of us in this House can debate for hours, even days, what is best for our district, our State, or for the Nation as a whole.

But what the American people really need is an opportunity to succeed. And opportunity doesn't come in the form of a Government handout, a grant, a loan, or an endowment.

Opportunity comes in the form of jobs—good-paying jobs and the chance to put hard work to the test.

This Thanksgiving season, as you travel back to your district to spend the holidays with family and friends, take a moment to think about how many people are employed because you and thousands of other Americans are traveling.

Airlines, car rental agencies, restaurants, travel agencies, hotels, and retail stores: travel and tourism is the second largest employer in America employing more than 11 million people. That's one is every nine Americans.

As someone hands you your plane ticket to head home for the holidays, think about what you can do for the working people of America.

Cosponsor H.R. 2579, the Travel and Tourism Partnership Act. This bill would create a public-private partnership between the travel and tourism industry and the Federal Government was the highest priority to emerge from the recent White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

With their votes, 1,700 conference delegates asked Congress to give them nothing more than the opportunity to succeed. This opportunity is not a gift or a handout, but a real chance to grow their business.

H.R. 2579 will help give the travel and tourism industry the mechanism to create thousands of new jobs—jobs that provide the economic opportunity the American people need.

Jobs, in the future, will come from two major industries: travel and tourism and high technology. The Travel and Tourism Partnership Act would capitalize on this growth potential and ensure economic success for America's future.

#### STOP PAYCHECKS FOR PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS

(Mr. BROWDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWDER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to prevent the President and Members of Congress from collecting paychecks during future Government shutdowns.

We could very well be right back into another budget crisis in 3 weeks when the proposed continuing resolution runs out.

I do not believe the President and Members of Congress should be exempt

from the same hardships that others endure. If we are unable to pay Federal employees or pay veterans benefits or register new Social Security claimants then we should not be able to pay ourselves during a shutdown.

It is not right that Federal employees should be made to suffer this outrage alone. Maybe a pay freeze will make the President and Congress take the situation more seriously.

#### BINDING AGREEMENT IS VICTORY FOR ALL AMERICANS

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, last night was a great victory for the American people. For once, the Washington establishment put our children's future ahead of its own. We are firmly on a course to turn the Government away from the disgraceful spending spree it has been on for a generation.

What was so important about last night's agreement was that the President made a solid, binding commitment to use honest scoring, while we balance the budget. I will quote from the continuing resolution: "The President and the Congress shall enact legislation in the first session of the 104th Congress to achieve a balanced budget not later than fiscal year 2002 as estimated by the Congressional Budget Office, \* \* \*"

This binding agreement is not only a victory for those of us on this side of the aisle—we stuck to our priorities and we will have a balanced budget. This is also a victory for all Americans. And most important the next generation.

#### START NOW, IN A BIPARTISAN WAY, TO BALANCE THE BUDGET

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, last night's agreement to negotiate the terms of a balanced budget was a big victory for the President. Medicare is off the table. Now we are going to negotiate 7 years toward a balanced budget.

This agreement was a big victory for the Republicans in that we are now going to a 7-year time frame, a balanced budget. How do we get there?

It was a big victory for the American people, because Democrats and Republicans now are talking in a civil manner in the same room.

How do we get to a balanced budget from here? Mr. Speaker, I submit that here is an article that appeared in my local paper over the weekend: "Coalition Budget May Be Revived."

Mr. Speaker, let us defer tax cuts until we get a balanced budget, so we do not devastate Medicare and student loans and farm programs. Let us start the heavy lifting now to work in a bipartisan way to balance this budget.